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What few things are the motive forces in the universe. Water and steam are the most useful and powerful. Electricity governs the motions of the planets, and will yet become an agency in the movement of man's genius-the electric light and telegraph are guided by electric forces. Water converted into seam is the grandest and most useful and most powerful agent in the motive force known. Without wa'er there wou'd be a existence. This bit of clay suspended in the great space would be as useless as the lunar orb now moving behind his unjusty the king of light. But here were things or matter created for existence and use. Water, a condensation of the vapors above, is beyond human roocestion in value. There is noth ing to supply is place, except the gas eliminated from the human body, from that orifice, or gateway for bash, known as the mouth, or gos otherwise disseminated thro' the newspapers. This gas, however, could not be made a substitute for water, because it derives its existence from the squeous embstance and is a sub-agent in extending the utility of water. There is nothing to take the place of water unless it is poor beer; and again this commodity owes its existence to poor water. The subject of water must be considered as a matter existing for our purposes and uses. We cant run railroads by the gas generated through the human body, or quench the thirst of a Texas steer at a Dodge City electric lamp post. The heat of the sun alone wont grow onlone anywhere-water is the other power with its capillary force sustaining existence and promoting growth. The extent of the supply and the uses and demand of water have reated a little stir in the Arkanens valley. Water rights and privileges are serious concerns everywhere. Especially so in an arid climste. To do the subject justice, to which we are hinting at, we ought to secred the lottlest peak in the Booky Mountains and remain there winter and summer-and witness the never ceasing fall of min and snow, which pass off in subterranean flow coursing through the mountains and under the plains past Dodge, down farther than Hutch -rising up in springs and creeks, and on on to the gulf, and back, back again to the lofty summit in rain or snow; or paraing in subterranean flow down to Garden City and across the expansive desert, as constant and never ceasing like the everlasting condensation around the majestic peak.

It is true that the freaks of the climate will reduce the surface water—especially will the wind, as it blows across the dry prairies bee intensified in heat, and to appeare the wrath of its fury, swallow up the Arkansus river as readily and quickly as the dunghill wallows the glowing worm.

You know, dear reader, that the hot, angry wind sometimes takes a portion of the river bed with it—the "spread," so to speak —leaving us just one of the streams withour any water in it. But dig down in the sand, like a Duck creek boy does for fish worme, and you will find water—pleaty of water— enough to drink the immense herds in the valley or irrigate the onion patches at Garden City. But not enough, dear granger, to run the saw mills and corn meal mills at Hutchinson. You cant run a steamboat through a sand bank—you would run it in a river of water. You cant run a saw mill expecting the motive power of a bed of sand to be the propelling sgent. After Garden City has harvested her crop of onions serher crop of onions—ser-to attribute the lack of "water power" in the Arkaness river sun to the consumption of water by irrigation of the garden patches above us, seems to be as sublime a piece of folly as human concepsublime a piece of folly as human concep-tion is guilty of. In face of the fact that we have had no rain to speak of since the fourth of July. The river is low and sluggish The loco weed is said to be making itself on account of the cold—there is force in falt in the Pashandia. have had no rain to speak of since the for

THE WATER IN THE ARKANSAS, best; - and we imagine, if the Hutchiston corn or saw mille, were to convert their paddle wheels into kindling wood, and steam up, they would find more friction than on a cold pad the wheel.

From the Lakin Herald, Dec. 18th.

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A NEW STATION HOUSE AND DOUBLE TARDS AT DODGE CITY BY THE A. T. & S.F. BAILBOAD COMPANY

On Monday we stepped off at this live town, and received an invitation from a railroad official to look at the new yards and buildings that the company are execting at that place. Our attention was first drawn to the foundation of the new station, that is to be erected. This structure will be 80x21 ft. and 24 feet high, two story bay windows. Here will be the main offices, such as ticket ffice, telegraph office and freight office, with private rooms op stairs for the agents to re-side in. The platform will be over 300 feet long, and will be one of the finest stations on the road when completed.

We next wended our way through many pike of steel rails and lumber of every description, and were shown where the two round houses are to be erected with 26 stalls each. In the centre and south of the round houses the ground is laid out for the building of a machine shop. In front of the machine shop site stands material for three turn tables, one for each round house and one to be in front of the machine shop.

The elevated track for the new coal chute is receiving its share of attention as fast as the men can get to it. Tais coal chute is to be the largest on the road when built. The yards are now completely blocked up with material, and the men are at work laying new steel rails. The yards when completed will be over two miles long, and is known by railroad men as a double yard. On the outh side of the main track there will be five switcher, and on the north side four switcher, making working facilities for four witch engines if necessary.

Every precaution is taken in case of fire.
Barrels of water are to be found in different
parts of the yards. When the new water
tanks are built hose will be constantly kept on hand in case of fire. All of the low land is now graded so that the many acres occupied by the yards are as level as a floor. We next visited the mammoth stock yards

of the west, which are very interesting to those who never examined their construction They are located at the east end of the track and are laid out in different compartments. Each compartment has itsown lock and key, and twenty stock men may have cattle in the yards at the same time, still they are only neighbors stopping at the same hotel. These pens are all provided with water tanks and feed boxes. The sheep pens are on the north side, and are well laid out. The company have spared no expense in making these stock yards second to none. The loadthese stock yards second to none. The load-ing of stock is a novel device, which is effec-ted with Hogbin's patent stock chute. These chuies are the most convenient, dorable and the easiest to work now is use. On the cast and of the stock yards stands a telegraph office for the use of stock shippers; in fact there is nothing needed in or around the stock yards but what has been placed there by the company. by the company.

Texas could use a vast quantity more sait with great advantage. The Fort Worth Live Stock Journal says sait is the spice of life in

The refrigerator car business is being ex-tended. The Northern Pacific railroad has contracted ten cars as an experiment.